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Council Examines and Ordains R. N. England

A council assembled at the Auburn hurch on Tuesday, November 15th, r the purpose of examining Mr. ichard N. England, the pastor, and found satisfactory, of proceeding th the rites of ordination. The coun- consisted of representatives from e churches of the Sacramento Val- y Association, and in addition: ockton, Lodi, Oakland First and erkeley First. Every church was presented. Rev. W. J. Johnson of roville was made the Moderator, and ev. E. O. Chapel of Grass Valley the cribe. Mr. England presented his redentials ,including diplomas from edlands University and the Pacific chool of Religion. The church, rough its clerk, reported the steps hich had been taken in calling him s the minister. Mr. England then resented his paper, which not only vealed how well equipped he was ed- cationally, but gave his religious ackground and experience, which as unusually significant for one of is years. The Council voted unani- ously and enthusiastically for the rdination. At the evening service, Ir. David H. Gill, a layman of the acramento Church, read the scrip- ure, Rev. Herman F. Swartz reached the ordination sermon. Su- erintendent Harley H. Gill gave the harge to the people, and Rev. John . Hahn of Stockton the charge to he minister. Rev. E. O. Chapel ex- ended the right hand of fellowship. he ordaining prayer was offered by ev. R. C. Waddell. The evidences were any that Mr. and Mrs. England have lready made an influential place for hemselves in the church and com- unity.

TEAM VISITS HUMBOLDT

A Deputation Team for the Confer- nce visited Humboldt County Novem- er 19-22, consisting of Moderator alph C. Waddell, State President Irs. C. T. Tinker and Superintend- nt Harley H. Gill. A Young People's ally was held the evening of the 9th, with Dr. Waddell as speaker. n Sunday morning Dr. Waddell reached at Ferndale, Mrs. Tinker poke to the Junior Church at Eu- eka, and Superintendent Gill reached at the adult service. In the fternoon Mrs. Tinker and Mr. Gill onducted round table discussion roups with the women and the men f the Ferndale and Eureka Churches. t 6:30 Dr. Waddell led the Young eople's meeting, and at 7:30 Super- ntendent Gill preached. On Monday a isit was made to Loleta, where a neeting was held with the women of he Ladies' Aid Society, and then the arty inspected the new chapel at he Table Bluff Indian Reservation, here a group of Indian mothers and hildren gathered and listened to stor- es told by Dr. Waddell.

CHURCH UNITY CONFERENCE

The fifth conference of the Chris- ian Unity League is to be held in Berkeley. California, on February 24 nd 25, under the chairmanship of Bishop Edward L. Parsons of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Cali- ornia. Dr. C. C. Morrison, editor of he Christian Century, is to be one f the principal speakers.

A DECALOGUE FOR TODAY

By HARLEY H. GILL

(Charge to the People, on the occasion of the Ordination of Rev. R. N. England, at the First Congregational Church, Auburn, California.)

I. Thou shalt not have a hired servant in thy pulpit, but a pastor and to him shalt thou be loyal, neither shalt thou cast envious eyes toward the shepherd of a neighboring flock, saying to thyself: behold now, why can we not have such an one, and since variety is the spice of life, shall we not prosper by a change? Verily I say unto thee, beware lest even a greater evil befall thee, for distance lends enchantment, and hirelings may appear as shepherds in pastures that look green because they are far away.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any excuse or alibis of any kind. When thy pastor shall come to thee and hold before thine eyes the high service which thou canst render to thy God, thy church and thy fellowman, yea, though he shall ask thee to be a Sunday School teacher, or a leader of the Every Member Canvass, turn not thou away, and prove me herewith that I will pour out upon you showers of blessing and to spare, saith the Lord your God.

III. Thou shalt not take the labor of thy pastor in vain, by applying the standards of the market place and the laws of supply and demand to his salary. For behold, thou dost require of him a high standard of education and ability. When he goeth upon the street he must be garbed in becoming apparel, and so must his helpmeet. Yea, he must go to the merchants and pay that which he oweth and that right promptly. Surely the laborer is worthy of his hire and thou shalt not expect something for nothing.

IV. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy, for in six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, yea even the mowing of the lawn, the raking of the leaves, the lubricating of thy chariot and the reading of such classics as Neb the wise and Tillie the Toiler. On the Sabbath morn, get thee up, thee and thy sons and thy daughters, thy man servants and thy maid servants, and all that are in thine house, and enter into the sanctuary, and it shall come to pass that thy pastor will be endued as with a tongue of fire, for be well assured that while great preaching may draw great congregations, it be likewise true that great congregations will make great preaching.

V. Honor the hours of thy pastor's study, so shalt thou be rewarded when he comes into the pulpit on the Lord's Day. Give him uninterrupted forenoons to drink deeply at the fountains of learning, and forget not that the doorbell and telephone are like unto sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

VI. Thou shalt not quench the zeal of thy pastor at the close of the service by saying "I enjoyed the sermon," when his soul has been poured out in prophecy. Know ye not that a sermon is not a thing to be enjoyed, but a challenge to be lived. Therefore shalt thou say: thy sermon hath helped me to nobler ideals, to clearer ideas, and to more Christ-like living.

VII. Thou shalt not make the mistake of thinking that thy pastor has an easy time, that his job is a snap and that he is paid to do the chores for the whole synagog. No man liveth who can be both priest and doorkeeper, prophet and bill collector, who can soar like an eagle and bear burdens like an ass. Rather appoint unto you those who will serve the tables, that the servant of the Lord may be released for the tasks to which he has been called.

VIII. Thou shalt not commit the unpardonable sin of sympathizing with the minister. Yea, verily if there be one fly that spoils the ointment it is a preacher who labors under the delusion that he is overworked and who loves to dwell amidst the sighs of adoring sisters. Awake, O daughter of Zion, for he whom thou callest is chosen of the Lord, he is ambassador of the King, and rejoices in his labor.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy pastor by relating his short comings to thy neighbors, nor by absenting thyself from church, nor yet by cutting off thy subscription. But in love and sincerity show him his fault between him and thee alone. If he hear thee not take with thee one or two more, and if he refuse to hear them, tell it to the church, and, if there be no cure, ask for his resignation, but whatever thou doest do not call in the superintendent to pull thy chestnuts out of the fire.

X. Thou shalt not covet the time, energy and labor of thy pastor's wife which she needeth for home, family and husband, nor that of his sons and daughters so that they cannot lead normal lives, nor yet that of his Ford or Chevrolet in doing the errands of the whole parish that thine own gas tank may be ready for the coming of the bridesgroom while his is empty.

And finally, this is the first and great Commandment, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thine whole heart and soul and mind, and strength, and if there be another it is like unto it,

Thou shalt love that pastor as thyself.

OUR APOLOGIES

Rev. Herbert D. Rugg, publicity secretary of the General Council, who served so splendidly in arranging the publicity for our last Conference, desires to make a correction through the columns of The Pacific.

During his conference with ministers on publicity, he included the Oakland Tribune with the newspapers which handle church publicity through the advertising department. Definite word has reached Mr. Rugg that that is not true, and that the Tribune has had a church editor for a number of years.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 10. Tuesday. Annual meeting Bay Association, First Congregational Church, Oakland.

February 21-23. Interdenominational Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

May 24-31. General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.

July 25-August 5. Young People's Conference, Asilomar.

October 17-19. State Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

CHRISTMAS FUND

Our Opportunity to Brighten the Lives of our Veterans

It was just thirty years ago that Dr. William A. Rice, the beloved secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief, sent out ten Christmas checks to those on the roll of the Board who were in special need. That was the beginning of the great Christmas Fund. It appealed to our Congregational people at once, and grew almost by leaps and bounds. In 1908 the Fund reached $580 and a check could be sent to each one of the pensioners. In 1917 the total was $11,500; in 1919 it was $21,500; in 1924 it passed the $50,000 mark; and in 1930 it reached its highest point, $82,470. In spite of the business depression, the Christmas Fund of 1931 showed a total of $73,533 contributed by Congregational and Christian Church people. That Fund not only provided a generous Christmas check for every pensioner, but has enabled the Board to send out during the months of 1932 more than 650 emergency checks to meet cases of distress.

Many of our ministers and widows will be in sharp need during the coming winter, and anxious hearts are already asking, "Can we again count on the Christmas Fund for help?" The officers of the Board of Ministerial Relief look with confidence to our Congregational and Christian constituency to provide a sufficient Christmas Fund in 1932 so that our aged and disabled ministers and their families will not suffer want during the year to come. All state Boards share in the Christmas Fund, and money received from Christian Church sources is used entirely for the benefit of Christian Church ministers.

Those desiring to contribute may send directly to the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York. Our own California pensioners will share in the Fund.

CONFERENCE BOARD COMMITTEES

Following are the committees appointed by the Board of Directors to serve our Conference and Home Missionary work during the coming year:

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THE DOLLARS COME

Total receipts from the Dollar Plan up to and including November 30 appear below. This represents an increase of $234 during November. Before the end of December 97½ per cent of the various amounts will be credited on the apportionments of the churches. Will not pastors, Sunday School superintendent, presidents of women's organizations and of young people's societies, and church treasurers make one last grand effort in getting in the outstanding cards and amount?

Adin	$ 8.00
Alameda	60.65
Alturas	15.00
Angels Camp	32.00
Antioch	15.33
Auburn	23.00
Berkeley—First	164.75
North	36.30
Park	17.00
Campbell	45.00
Ceres	10.00
Cloverdale	13.50
Cotati	31.00
Fairfax	33.00
Ferndale	46.00
Fresno—Pilgrim	5.00
Glen Ellen	5.00
Grass Valley	15.00
Guerneville	15.00
Hayfork	6.00
Hayward	50.00
Kenwood	9.00
Lewiston	4.00
Lockeford	6.00
Lodi—First	59.05
Loomis	4.10
Martinez	52.00
Murphy	7.00
Niles	24.50
Oakland—Calvary	15.00
First	249.15
Fruitvale	6.00
Japanese	11.00
Pilgrim	24.16
Plymouth	52.50
Oroville	40.00
Palo Alto	85.20
Paradise	18.01
Petaluma	92.22
Port Chicago	7.00
Redwood City	29.00
Reno, Nevada	10.00
Ripon	27.00
Sacramento	31.50
Salida	19.00
San Carlos	2.00
San Francisco—	
Bethany—Miss. Park	41.25
First	112.00
Ocean View	12.00
Sanger	2.00
San Jose	42.00
San Leandro	5.60
San Mateo	75.00
Santa Rosa	33.00
Saratoga	47.00
Sebastopol	31.00
Sonoma	14.00
Stockton	9.00
Sunnyvale	17.50
Tulare	31.12
Weaverville	25.00
Woodside	25.00
Miscellaneous	13.10
Total	$2,066.49

WAR DECLARED

Preliminary Statement of Principles adopted by Conference Committee of Ten

1. We are agreed that we will endeavor to promote a campaign of education in our churches and through our churches for advancement of scientific instruction regarding the effects of alcohol, with reference to health, personal efficiency, crime, family welfare, the machine age, economics and government.

2. This campaign of education shall embrace every department of the church, all ages and both sexes.

3. This campaign should not stop with the people of the churches, but should extend to the various organizations of the community at large, such as Boy Scouts, Parent Teacher Associations, women's clubs, and service and civic organizations.

4. The campaign shall be entirely divorced from political measures and candidates. We recognize that the people of our churches as individual citizens will necessarily be impelled to participate in political action. We feel that this phase of the movement may well be left to such organizations as the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U.

5. It is desirable to enlist as widely as possible all people who will join with us and subscribe to our declaration of principles in a crusade against alcohol.

The above preliminary statement was adopted by the Committee of Ten at the close of an all-day session held at the Conference office on Monday, November 28th. This Committee of Ten consists of: Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, Chairman; Rev. Harley H. Gill, Secretary; Rev. Gail Cleland, Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins, Mrs. William R. Thorsen, Rev. Henry Stauffer, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. John R. Hahn, Rev. Francis J. Van Horn, Rev. Norman B. Henderson. All members were present except three, and they were detained by unavoidable circumstances. The committee was appointed at the last meeting of the State Conference, which was held just before the election, in response to the feeling which seemed to be universal that the dry forces had sadly neglected education in the creation of public sentiment since the adoption of the 18th Amendment, and that the coming defeat was the inevitable harvest of such neglect. It is believed that the church itself is the best organization to foster such a movement, and it is hoped that other denominations will join with us in such a campaign as outlined above. Two subcommittees have been appointed, one to gather reliable scientific data. It consists of Rev. Gail Cleland, Mrs. E. B. Mead, Prof. Joel Hildebrand. The second committee is on methods of procedure, and consists of Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins, Rev. Henry Stauffer and Rev. Harley H. Gill. The committee will meet again early in February to hear reports of the sub-committees and to make further plans for the carrying out of the program.

CORRECTIONS

The Pacific desires to make corrections of certain errors appearing in the last issue:

The hold-over delegate to the General Council is Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, instead of Rev. Noel J. Breed. Dr. Breed was recently made the delegate of the Sonoma Association.

On the committee for Religious Work at the University of California, the name of Rev. Lawrence Wilson appeared. Mr. Robert E. Stone of First Church Oakland was the one named. Mr. Wilson is to be the preacher at the next session.

Through an inexcusable error at the office, the Dollar Plan receipts from San Jose amounting to $26.00, were credited to the San Francisco First Church. We apologize to our San Jose friends, who always stand so loyally by our cause.

SONOMA ASSOCIATION

The Fall Meeting of the Sonoma Association was held in Petaluma on November 10th. The committee on constitution presented its report, which will be considered by the churches until the Spring Meeting, when a vote will be taken. It is the hope of the Sonoma Association that the churches of Marin and Humboldt Counties will join in its fellowship. Rev. Karrison Juniper of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, gave the address in the evening. Mrs. Gail Cleland of Alameda, Rev. John R. Hahn of Stockton, and Superintendent Gill spoke at the afternoon session.

NOTICE

If subscribers will send a post card telling of changes of address, it will save us 2 cents on every notice sent us by the Post Office.

ASILOMAR RALLY

The annual young people's Asilomar Christmas Rally will be held at the First Church, Oakland, on Thursday, December 29th. The Cacoypa Council will meet preceeding the Rally. Dinner will be served at 6:30, at which John Olmsted, Jr., President of Cacoypa, will be the Toastmaster. At 7:45 there will be an organ recital, and at 8:00 Rev. O.W.S. McCall of First Church, Berkeley, will conduct a worship service. The address of the evening will be given at 8:15 by Mr. A. I. Raja Singham, brilliant Indian christian, "What Christ Means to Me". This will be followed by a social hour beginning at 9:00. For those coming from a distance, accommodations over Thursday night with breakfast Friday morning will be provided. Names should be sent to Rev. R. C. Waddell, 2501 Harrison St., Oakland.

S. S. CONVENTIONS

Another outcome of the Depression this year is that the State Council will have pity on the purses of persons in the churches who are engaged in Religious Education work, and will bring the Convention to them.

A series of two-day conventions is planned for nine centers in the state, covering a period of three weeks early in March. The first day and morning of the second day will be given to interdenominational work. A luncheon and afternoon of the second day, or longer if desired, will be used for the people to meet with their own denominational leaders to work out their local problems. In this way it is hoped that no one will have to travel over 75 miles from home, and that more people will be able to get the benefit from these meetings than would be able to attend a general convention in only one center. A committee is at work to set the dates and arrange the schedules, announcement of which will be published in a later issue.

THE ROUND UP

Church by Church Report of Apportionment Receipts for Eleven Months

Receipts for November showed a sharp decline over those of Octobe on the Apportionment. We doubt n that a number of churches are wai ing until December to make remi tance. As in other years the book will be kept open until January 10t for the crediting of 1932 apportio ment receipts. In normal years du ing the last four months a muc larger amount is remitted than necessary for the current budgets f those months. This makes up th shortage for the previous eigh months of the year. In November th Conference share of receipts was le than half of the money necessary t pay its bills. Unless there is a gre outpouring before January 10th, the will be further reductions in our pr gram, which will be disastrous.

	November Receipts	Jan. 11-Nov. 30 1932
Adin		$ 96.8
Alameda	$ 100.00	375.0
Alturas		20.0
Angel's Camp		50.0
Antioch		24.3
Benicia		25.5
Berkeley:		
First	537.50	6,163.5
North	80.43	989.3
Park		69.8
Campbell		140.0
Ceres		210.0
Cloverdale	13.25	139.4
Cotati	2.41	71.1
Crockett	12.50	126.7
Eureka	20.00	82.7
Fairfax		45.0
Ferndale	89.90	281.4
Fresno:		
First	37.50	350.7
Pilgrim	25.00	25.0
Glen Ellen		8.0
Grass Valley		10.3
Guerneville		35.0
Kenwood		38.0
Lodi. First		965.0
Loomis		10.0
Martinez		132.0
Murphy		40.0
Oakland:		
First	319.08	5,497.0
Olivet		18.7
Pilgrim		25.4
Plymouth	150.00	1,200.0
Oroville	25.00	90.0
Pacific Grove	80.10	394.9
Palo Alto	125.00	1,766.8
Paradise		112.5
Pescadero	5.00	10.0
Petaluma	43.75	614.0
Pittsburg		62.7
Porterville		38.3
Redwood City	125.00	521.8
Reno, Nevada	30.00	399.7
Ripon	5.00	57.5
Sacramento		743.0
Salida		31.0
San Francisco:		
Bethany-Miss. Park	10.00	240.0
First		50.0
Ocean View		25.0
Richmond		45.0
San Jose	99.00	996.8
San Leandro		118.6
San Mateo	100.00	100.0
Santa Cruz	1.00	551.0
Santa Rosa	19.40	225.3
Saratoga	200.00	700.0
Sebastopol	25.00	95.9
Sonoma		72.2
Stockton		1,081.0
Suisun		50.0
Sunnyvale		23.8
Tulare	32.50	290.7
Weaverville		41.2
Woodside		104.5
Miscellaneous		432.3
	$2,313.32	$27,352.5

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE—The new Sunday School in the Kensington district has made a gain of enrollment each week. There is now a total of 115. Those who have had any doubt about the need of this enterprise will be interested to learn that 72 of these children come from homes in which there is no denominational affiliation or preference. Of the remaining number the church affiliations are as follows: Methodist 13, Congregational 8, Christian Science 8, Presbyterian 4, Baptist 4, Episcopal 2, Lutheran 2, Catholic 2. In the staff of workers there are four Congregationalists, two Methodists, one Presbyterian, one Lutheran, one Episcopalian and three with no affiliation. A young people's group is now meeting on Sunday evenings, with an attendance of about fourteen. Eight Senior High School boys are endeavoring to secure a Sea Scout charter. Bluebirds and Camp Fire organizations have been launched. A Women's Reading Circle is meeting at the house, as are also the Parent-Teachers' Association and the Kensington Improvement Club. A Sunday School Christmas pageant will be presented on Sunday afternoon, December 18th, at the auditorium of the Kensington School. Mr. John H. Gregg is the director.

VALLEY OF THE MOON LARGER PARISH — A rally of the three churches of this parish was held Sunday evening, November 27th, at the Sonoma Church, Superintendent Harvey H. Gill preaching the sermon. A splendid choir furnished the music, and at least half of the sizable congregation were young people. Rev. F. E. Boren, the pastor, had been called to Denver on account of the death of a sister, but Mr. Wesley Gordon, the director of young people's work, was in charge. Reports from various members of the three churches indicate that the plan of the larger parish is a decided success.

FAIRFAX—The Young People's Fellowship is an encouraging feature of this work. They form the choir for the morning service; they have taken over the janitor work for the church; they have their own meeting in the evening in which there is frank and free discussion. Practically all of them remain three-quarters of an hour for very earnest Bible study under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. James W. Price.

LODI—The 60th anniversary of this church will be celebrated December 2 to 11. Festivities will open with a Father and Son banquet. Sunday, December 4th, is being devoted to the history of the church, and Sunday the 11th will be a time of girding for the future. All departments and organizations will participate under the active leadership of Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor.

GUERNEVILLE—Mr. Ross Price, a son of Rev. James W. Price, the former pastor, has been called for a six months' period. Mr. Price was a former student at Pacific School of Religion. His last position was director of religious education and young people's work at the Union Japanese Church in Los Angeles.

CALAVERAS COUNTY—A joint social of the young people of Angel's Camp and Murphy was attended by 41 persons. A Junior Christian Endeavor Society has been organized with 23 members. Rev. John T. Munton is the pastor.

TULARE—During the fall and winter months, the pastor of the Tulare Church, Rev. R. B. Whitaker, is giving three series of sermons in which there is much interest. On the second Sunday of each month some phase of the application of the teaching of Jesus to social problems of our time is considered. The third Sunday is devoted to a series on the Parables of Jesus, and the fourth Sunday to studies in the Sermon on the Mount.

The Open Forum program for Sunday evenings is meeting with a growing response from the people of the church and community, with audiences never less than for the morning service and often larger. During November, Dr. E. P. Ryland of Los Angeles addressed the Forum on "Is Russia a Challenge or a Warning"; Father Crowley of Fresno on "What Do Catholics Really Believe"; George R. Kirkpatrick of Los Angeles on "Christianity and Socialism, Friends or Enemies, Which?" and Dr. Hubert Phillips of State Teachers College, Fresno, on "The Youth of Post-War Europe."

UNITED CHURCH OF THE MISSION—The call has gone out for new officers and teachers in the Sunday School, because of the steady increase in enrollment. The attendance is now very close to what it was a year ago before the Presbyterian Church had withdrawn. Rev. Joseph Carpenter, the minister, and Rev. James H. Price, the associate minister, are facing a big task with a spirit of real enthusiasm. A fine reception was given to Mr. and Mrs. Price on a recent Wednesday evening, and the loyalty of the church was pledged in a way that promises much for the future.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW—Five of the Sunday School teachers have been in attendance at the religious education Training School. A new heating plant has been installed which adds greatly to the comfort of the congregation. At Sunday evening services recently studies have been made of: Sun Yat Sen, Kemal Pasha, Stalin, and Gandhi, which have created much interest particularly among the young people. The women of the church held a successful bazaar, raising the money to pay the insurance for the coming three years. Rev. James D. Salmon is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL — The Official Board of the Church put on a turkey dinner recently, at which 140 sat down to the tables. The pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson, has been elected director of the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce, vice-president and in charge of the programs for next year. The recent Loyalty Thanksgiving Offering was very gratifying.

SACRAMENTO — Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson have both been ill and for some days were confined to the hospital, but are again at work. Life-sized portraits of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Benton, which had been lost since the dismantling of the old building, were recently recovered and rededicated, and are now hanging in the Narthex of the church.

ALAMEDA — The pastor and the choir of this church exchanged with the pastor and choir of Oakland First Church on Sunday, November 27th. It is rumored that both congregations were delighted to have a change, and both congregations were likewise pleased to have their own ministers and choirs return to them.

BENICIA—This church co-operated in a community service on Sunday afternoon, November 27, dedicating a marker on the site of the Presbyterian Church, which was erected in 1849. It is claimed that this church was the first Protestant church to be organized in the state. Prof. E. A. Wicher of San Francisco Theological Seminary gave an historical sketch. Dr. Bradford Woodbridge, son of the founder of the church, gave some personal recollections. Superintendent Harley H. Gill delivered an address: "Looking Toward the Future."

The Men's Club of the Benicia Church is progressing, more than 80 men attending a recent meeting. Masonic and Eastern Star lodges attended services in a body on November 20th.

SALIDA—On November 4th the church at Salida gave a fine program of music, readings and addresses of appreciation for their departing pastor and her husband before they left for their new work in the church at Soquel. A huge bouquet of roses was presented to Mrs. Heath.

The Bethany Circle also gave a party, at which gifts were presented which would add to the beauty and comfort of the new home. Six and a half years of work together had drawn the cords of friendship very closely and many gifts and kind wishes marked the close of this pastorate.

Pending the arrival of a new pastor, Mrs. Everett Spuller, wife of the pastor of our church at Ripon, is caring for the Salida Church.

OAKLAND. PLYMOUTH — Home-Coming Day is being planned as the Pacific goes to press. The regular Sunday School and Church services will be held in the morning on Sunday, the 4th. Dinner will be served at 1:00 o'clock, and the afternoon will be devoted to a conference at which there will be talks about the history and present work and plans of Plymouth. A vesper service will be held at 4:30 and young people's meeting at 6:30. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, recently celebrated twenty years as a minister, and as he confesses, has been having one glorious time.

SOQUEL—Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, formerly of Salida, has been called as pastor of this church, and has been on the field since early in November. Soquel is having many new people, and presents a fine opportunity for the work which Mrs. Heath is equipped to do. Congregations have been good and the response of the young people excellent. A series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer will introduce the New Year's season.

RENO—About twenty young people recently profited by a vocational guidance interview with Gilbert Lovell of the Board of Christian Education of New York City. An annual Thanksgiving praise service took the form of a Seth Parker evening on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The thank offering was received at the close of the service. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

SAN CARLOS.—The ladies of the church provided thirteen families with Thanksgiving dinner. Free coffee has been provided for a crew of men who are being given work by the County, near town. The church is making an earnest attempt to close the year with all bills paid. Rev. R. B. Cherington is the pastor.

BERKELEY. NORTH—This church has just finished a successful series of five Sunday evening missionary programs. The subjects were: The American Indians, China, India, Turkey and Home Missions, this last being in the form of a play. Elaborate decorations and costumes illustrating each subject added much to the interest. Refreshments appropriate to each evening were furnished in turn by the Circles of the Women's Auxiliary.

All these Vesper programs were well received, but the best attendance was not when a guest speaker was present, but when members of the local church and church school, to the number of 30 in all, took part. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is the pastor.

PITTSBURG—Sunday, November 27, was a red letter day. The choir broadcast an hour of music from the Chapel of the Chimes, receiving many felicitations for the good work. The same evening was Scout Night at the Church, Scout Executive Whidden speaking on "Why Scouting in a Church." Another address was "The Qualities I Want in a Patrol Leader," by M. Creagh, a prominent attorney and scoutmaster. All four Pittsburg Scout troops were present with flags. All four Scoutmasters shared the platform with the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, making a splendid impression on the people who crowded the church. Eighty per cent of Protestant scouts are in the Church School. The Church school orchestra is composed largely of scouts.

OAKLAND. PILGRIM—The work of this church is opening splendidly under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Horton Colbert. Vesper services at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon have been conducted for the past month, with increasing attendance. A Church Improvement project has been inaugurated with a view to beautifying the property, providing adequate heating facilities ,and adding new class rooms for the church school. A series of four sermons for December have been announced with the themes: "The Star in the East"; "He Casts Out Fear"; "He Releases Captives"; "He Heals Broken Hearts."

BERKELEY. PARK—A great improvement has been made in the interior of the church auditorium by moving forward a rolling partition, which reduces the space to be heated and improves the seating arrangement. Monthly family dinners have been resumed with splendid attendance. An open forum for the winter is being planned by the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt.

REDWOOD CITY—At a special Thanksgiving service men, women, and children brought apples, oranges and other foods to the church, stacking them about the altar. It was a real harvest home festival. The pastor, Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, preached on "Silver and Gold Have I None, but Such as I Have, Give I Thee." Mr. Pendleton has recently been elected a member of the Kiwanis Club.

SARATOGA—The Federated Church of Saratoga received six new members on the Congregational roll in its membership on November 6. That morning the church enjoyed a strong address by Dr. Lewis R. Scudder of Vellore, India, on the theme: "Does India Want Christianity?" Rev. B. M. Palmer is the pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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MY YULE TIDE GIFT

What shall I give the Christ Child on this His natal day,
Some sordid toys, a tinselled mass, all wrapped with garlands gay?
No, I must search my heart of hearts and choose each gift with care,
For love is measured by the things we sacrifice or share.

I ransacked every corner, my quest seemed futile, vain,
Until I glimpsed, through untried ways, the Yule Tide peace to gain.
I quickly gathered discontent, self-pity, and regret,
Then tied them well and tucked inside a sprig of mignonette.
Rank weeds of hate, fear, and distrust, I grafted with great care
Until choice blooms of love appeared, courage and hope most rare,
While notes of oft recurring pain I muted till they fled,
Returning with sweet, haunting strains of peace and joy instead.

I took these varied gifts of mine and bound them with a prayer
That each day I might more and more the Christ Child's spirit share.

A CHRISTMAS SOLILOQUY

SELF: Who are you and what do you want?

COURAGE: I am Courage, a part of yourself that you lost awhile ago. Why are you so sad at this happy Christmas season?

SELF: I am mourning because of dear ones I have lost.

COURAGE: Others have lost loved ones too. They are not hopeless like you. Your dear ones would want you to be brave and "carry on" here as they are doing there.

SELF: But I have been deprived of many things.

COURAGE: Things are not essential. They often hamper us and are a hinderance rather than a help.

SELF: How can one be happy without material things? One cannot live without them.

COURAGE: True, but real happiness comes from within and from service for others.

SELF: But the future looks dark to me and I fear for my dear ones, as well as for myself.

COURAGE: There is always a chink in the heaviest door through which a ray of light comes.

SELF: But suppose that light comes too late?

COURAGE: "'Tisn't life that matters! 'Tis the courage you bring to it."

SELF: I am afraid to hope.

COURAGE: "Perfect love casteth out fear. "When I am afraid I will trust in Thee."

SELF: I cannot trust when I cannot see.

COURAGE: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things **not** seen."

SELF: I will try to believe. "Help Thou mine unbelief."

COURAGE: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." Enter thou into the real spirit of Christmas and its joys.

WHO SAID REPEAL?

The Eighteenth Amendment is still in the constitution. The men put it their with their votes and the women intend that it shall remain. The first skirmish in any battle never spells defeat. It is but a challenge. The rallying cry of the "drys" shall be NO SURRENDER. Our Congregational Women are girding themselves for the fray. With Mrs. William R. Thorsen, secretary pro tem, the Federation drew up resolutions regretting the wave of wet sentiment expressed by the electorate of our State. They opposed the pardoning of dry law violators and urged a renewed and vigorous education in our schools in regard to the evils of narcotics and alcohol. These resolutions were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted and copies sent to the press and to the Governor of the State.

CONGRATULATIONS SANTA CRUZ

A Regional Meeting is held every year in an Oak Park, Illinois, church, and samples of work used in Social Service are on exhibit. This year the women of the Santa Cruz Church were asked to send a layette they had made for Brewer Hospital, S. C. The layette was complete in every detail, beautifully made and enthusiastically praised. A short time ago a negro woman went to this same hospital for medicine and advice. She was so delighted with parts of a layette she received that she hailed a passerby to whom she showed the little garments, exclaiming, "They don't know, **they don't know**, what it means to my baby!"

A MIGRANT XMAS

Who will help play Santa Claus to the children in the migrant camps? This winter will be an especially hard one for them, so let's all help. All kinds of baby clothes are desired, as well as toys for the kiddies. What kind? The kind you can purchase at Woolworth's, and **Nothing Over 10c;** jack stones, balls, marbles, tops, puzzles, small dolls, but LISTEN! **Please** wrap your gifts and mark them distinctly, "For Boys," or "For Girls." Think how sad it would be if a small boy looking for a ball or some marbles, should receive a stupid baby doll! Can't you picture his disappointment and wrath? Don't let it happen. Bright colored scrap books are in great demand, also the colorful covers of the "Literary Digest." NOTE. Send to Miss H. Eva Barnes, R.N., Dos Palos, California.

In your zeal for and interest in the migrant children, don't forget your Christmas gifts for the Indians, and **send them early.**

PUERTO RICO STORM

In the last issue of The Pacific appeared an article describing the effects of the hurricane on our institutions in Puerto Rico. The saddest feature of the whole situation is the wreckage of the sugar cane industry, the means of support of the people. Fruit trees are also badly damaged. Before the hurricane 100,000 people were underfed on the Island, 40,000 of whom were being fed by public funds. Half the population of the Island is suffering from a variety of tropical and other diseases. Who will help them? They ask for our prayers and financial help as well. The A.M.A. loss is estimated at $25,000. Insurance was $16,000.

ANNUAL MEETING—Place, the Alameda Church, Rev. Gail Cleland, pastor. Time, probably the third week in January, a two-day session. More details later. Make your plans to attend now.

That Laymen's Conference

During the past two years there has been wide-spread interest in the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry. This movement was sponsored by a group of laymen from seven denominations which have missionary work in the Orient. A careful factual study was made of the work of these mission boards in China, Japan and India. The committee of Appraisal was put at the task of adjusting the facts and making recommendations. Their report has just been published under the title, "Rethinking Missions."

Wide publicity was given to the forthcoming report, and in order to arouse public interest questions were asked which gave out the impression that the inquiry was more or less unfriendly to the missionary enterprise as carried on today. It was therefore with great interest and some antagonism that 600 board members, secretaries and laymen came together in New York on November 18 to 20, to hear the presentation by the Committee. Following this general meeting, Congregational laymen assembled and considered the future of our own American Board work.

Our readers will be interested in having a first-hand report of these meetings, sent out to the state superintendents by Rev. C. C. Merrill, D.D., the secretary of the Commission on Missions. From this letter we make the following quotations:

"I especially wish that you could have been at the meeting on Friday night, when Dr. William Ernest Hocking, chairman of the Appraisal Commission and professor of philosophy at Harvard, gave an address that was so evangelistic in its spirit and in its purport that at the end you felt like 'rising for prayers.' While the Commission withdrew none of its definite criticisms, nevertheless the presentation by Dr. Hocking that evening, and by other members of the Commission the next day, corrected misapprehensions and showed how friendly to the missionary enterprise the Commission really was.

"For myself I feel that we have in this Report and in its verbal presentation by the Commission an unusual illustration of two principles which must be increasingly used by those who are interested in the Christian religion of today. (1) Thorough-going honesty. Because we are Christians we must certainly criticize ourselves. We must be concerned lest anything but the best be done in the name of Christ. (2) An altogether deeper trust in the self-perpetuating power of Christianity. If Christianity cannot sustain itself after the message has been sincerely given by word and deed, what is the eternal truth in it?

The meeting with Congregational laymen on Sunday was significant because it revealed how vitally they had been affected by what they had heard during the preceding days. It was evident that if other groups of laymen throughout the country could be similarly exposed to the atmosphere in which this Report was prepared and presented they would respond.

So far as the Prudential Committee and the staff of the American Board are concerned, it seems clear that they are disposed to handle this Report in a progressive way. Of course the Report is not sacrosanct—the members of the Appraisal Commission are also human. People have a right to criticize the Report itself. Nevertheless, the officers of the Board can be depended upon to pursue a policy of "accelerated evolution," as Alden Clark called it last Sunday, with regard to the work on the field, and also to use their influence with the Boards of other denominations to adopt the same policy.

"The question of continued financial support on substantially the present basis is certainly an important one and ought frankly to be faced. As I see it, the Report does not call for lessened expenditure in the immediate future, but for changes in the way the money is being spent. Obviously these changes cannot be made if income is greatly curtailed. On the other hand, if a Board shows little or no disposition to make changes, the individual contributor and churches will have a right to withdraw contributions. The point for us Congregationalists and Christians to remember is that our American Board has been carrying out the recommendations of the Report in a very marked degree, and is disposed to do so more fully in the future. I think this point should be made very plain during these Every Member Enlistment days."

SLOGANS

They may be able to repeal the 18th Amendment, but they cannot repeal the effects of alcohol.—Henry Stauffer.

Money spent for booze cannot buy bread.—Gail Cleland.

(Vice-President Garner please take note.)

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